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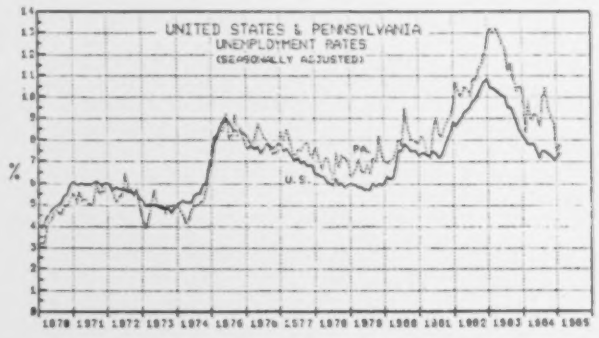
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
All Persons (In Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA*	JAN. 1985	DEC. 1984	JAN. 1984
UNADJUSTED DATA			
Civilian Labor Force	5,414.0	5,545.0	5,382.0
Employment	4,946.0	5,140.0	4,840.0
Unemployment	468.0	405.0	542.0
% Civilian Labor Force	8.6	7.3	10.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA			
Civilian Labor Force	5,500.0	5,533.0	5,464.0
Employment	5,074.0	5,110.0	4,966.0
Unemployment	426.0	423.0	498.0
% Civilian Labor Force	7.7	7.6	9.1



SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT DECLINES BY 36,000 UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES BY 3,000

After reaching a total of 5,110,000 in December 1984, the highest mark in 45 months, employment in Pennsylvania decreased by 36,000 in Janaury 1985 to a seasonally adjusted level of 5,074,000. The employment drop could not obscure the positive improvement experienced in Pennsylvania's economy as 108,000 more residents are now working compared with January 1984.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment total increased modestly in January, up by 3,000 following four straight months of decline. When matched with corresponding January figures from previous years, this year's level of 426,000 was the lowest since 1980 when the January unemployment total was 378,000. The related unemployment rate rose by 0.1 of a percentage point to 7.7 percent in January, a fractional change after the rate fell from 8.6 percent in November to 7.6 percent last month.

Nationally, the unemployment picture paralleled the Pennsylvania situation, with seasonally adjusted unemployment rising by 293,000 workers to 8,484,000. The U.S. unemployment rate climbed by 0.2 of a percentage point to reach 7.4 percent in January, and seasonally adjusted employment increased 118,000 over December's 106,273,000.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ADVANCES BY 123,700 SINCE JANUARY 1984

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 123,700 over the January 1984 level to total 4,632,900 in spite of declines since last month. This figure represents the highest level of nonfarm employment for January since 1981 when employment equaled 4,656,800. Advances were outweighed by declines as only three of the major nonfarm industry groups reported gains of over 1,000 jobs during the first month of 1985, namely, nonelectrical machinery, mining, and wholesale trade. The declines experienced by most of the nonfarm industry groups were typical (seasonal) for this time of year.

NONMANUFACTURING. Employment in January dropped by 89,300 from December's figure of 3,611,600 after recording an all-time high of 3,621,400 in November 1984. January's total denotes a substantial increase of approximately 120,000 jobs in the nonmanufacturing sector since one year ago. All major nonmanufacturing groups had increases in employment over January 1984 except mining which lost 700 jobs. However, coal production began to improve in December 1984 and this increase in demand brought 1,200 more mining jobs in January. The largest decreases since last month occurred in retail trade, down 37,600; contract construction, down 17,400; and services industries, down 15,800 from last month. Seasonal drops in employment took place in transportation services, down 7,800 and in the educational sector of State and Local Governments, down 11,600 from December. The employment drop in both private and public education is expected to reverse itself as soon as spring school term begins.

MANUFACTURING. Manufacturing employment in Pennsylvania declined in January for the fifth consecutive month, slipping to 1,101,000 jobs after peaking at 1,136,300 in June 1984. Durable goods accounted for 5,200 job losses since December with the decreases concentrated in lumber and wood products and electrical machinery. Nondurable goods employment fell by 2,600 jobs since last month with the largest decreases in food products and textile products.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND EARNINGS DECREASE

Average weekly hours worked by Pennsylvania's manufacturing employes decreased by one hour to 39.3 hours in January, bringing average weekly earnings down to $370.99 from the December level of $381.24. Average hourly earnings remained relatively stable at $9.44 in January. Durable goods workers worked an average of 40.3 hours, earning $10.32 an hour for a total of $415.90 in weekly earnings. Comparable data for the nondurable goods industries were 37.9, $8.21 and $311.16, respectively.

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MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL

(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA *	ALL EMPLOYEES					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES: HOURS AND EARNINGS								
				NET CHANGE		GROSS WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN. 1/ 1985	DEC. 1984	JAN. 1984	DEC. 1984	JAN. 1984	JAN. 1/ 1985	DEC. 1984	JAN. 1984	JAN. 1/ 1985	DEC. 1984	JAN. 1984	JAN. 1/ 1985	DEC. 1984	JAN. 1984
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	4,632.9	4,730.0	4,509.2	-97.1	123.7									
TOTAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,101.0	1,108.8	1,105.0	-7.8	-4.0	$370.99	$381.24	$368.68	39.3	40.3	39.9	$ 9.44	$ 9.46	$ 9.24
TOTAL DURABLE GOODS	633.8	639.0	631.7	-5.2	2.1	415.90	429.94	421.26	40.3	41.5	41.3	10.32	10.36	10.20
Lumber & wood products	21.1	22.4	20.2	-1.3	0.9	280.87	271.20	295.73	37.6	36.5	40.4	7.47	7.43	7.32
Furniture & fixtures	20.9	20.8	19.6	0.1	1.3	328.41	334.49	301.32	41.0	41.5	39.7	8.01	8.06	7.59
Stone, clay & glass products	48.0	48.5	47.3	-0.5	0.7	399.19	414.92	392.04	40.2	41.7	40.5	9.93	9.95	9.68
Primary metal industries	109.1	109.8	120.5	-0.7	-11.4	460.92	488.35	492.13	38.7	40.9	41.6	11.91	11.94	11.83
Fabricated metal products	90.3	91.1	88.1	-0.8	2.2	415.24	425.96	406.16	41.4	42.3	41.7	10.03	10.07	9.74
Machinery, exc. electrical	116.2	115.1	112.9	1.1	3.3	439.74	457.49	425.79	41.8	43.2	41.5	10.52	10.59	10.26
Electric & electronic equipment	108.4	109.8	103.9	-1.4	4.5	386.56	396.32	386.04	40.1	40.9	41.2	9.64	9.69	9.37
Transportation equipment	63.7	64.2	61.5	-0.5	2.2	500.71	504.78	497.84	41.9	42.1	41.8	11.95	11.99	11.91
Instruments & related products	36.9	37.4	37.0	-0.5	-0.1	355.41	393.64	369.08	38.8	42.1	41.1	9.16	9.35	8.98
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	19.2	19.9	20.7	-0.7	-1.5	311.95	304.79	356.07	36.7	36.9	41.5	8.50	8.26	8.58
TOTAL NONDURABLE GOODS	467.2	469.8	473.3	-2.6	-6.1	311.16	318.16	300.99	37.9	38.8	38.1	8.21	8.20	7.90
Food & kindred products	89.4	90.5	88.9	-1.1	0.5	354.65	364.41	344.65	39.1	40.4	38.9	9.07	9.02	8.86
Tobacco manufacturers	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	232.98	237.39	212.80	40.1	41.0	38.0	5.81	5.79	5.60
Textile mill products	32.5	33.4	34.6	-0.9	-2.1	238.01	242.68	240.17	36.9	37.8	38.8	6.45	6.42	6.19
Apparel & other textile products	107.8	108.2	113.9	-0.4	-6.1	197.73	195.94	191.87	33.8	33.9	33.9	5.85	5.78	5.66
Paper & allied products	41.4	41.3	40.8	0.1	0.6	395.97	401.56	366.86	42.9	43.6	41.5	9.23	9.21	8.84
Printing & publishing	73.8	74.0	71.6	-0.2	2.2	378.33	408.03	374.92	38.1	40.6	39.3	9.93	10.05	9.54
Chemicals & allied products	59.0	59.2	59.0	-0.2	0.0	460.15	466.09	451.08	42.1	42.8	42.0	10.93	10.89	10.74
Petroleum & coal products	12.6	12.7	12.8	-0.1	-0.2	543.95	546.56	551.67	43.0	42.8	42.6	12.65	12.77	12.95
Rubber & misc. plastics products	36.8	36.4	35.9	0.4	0.9	343.94	346.53	338.66	40.8	41.5	41.2	8.43	8.35	8.22
Leather & leather products	11.5	11.7	13.4	-0.2	-1.9	199.60	205.16	190.99	35.9	37.1	35.9	5.56	5.53	5.32
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,522.3	3,611.6	3,402.4	-89.3	119.9									
Mining	37.2	36.0	37.9	1.2	-0.7									
Contract Construction	163.4	180.8	147.1	-17.4	16.3									
Transportation	139.2	147.0	136.1	-7.8	3.1									
Public Utilities	105.7	106.0	105.5	-0.3	0.2									
Communications	53.8	54.0	54.3	-0.2	-0.5									
Electric, gas and sanitary service	51.9	52.0	51.2	-0.1	0.8									
Wholesale trade	256.2	254.4	243.5	1.8	12.7									
Retail trade	786.7	824.3	756.0	-37.6	30.7									
General merchandise stores	126.5	139.1	122.4	-12.6	4.1									
Finance, insurance & real estate	256.9	257.4	246.2	-0.5	10.7									
Banking	83.3	83.3	81.6	0.0	1.7									
Insurance	74.5	74.8	71.3	-0.3	3.2									
Services	1,109.4	1,125.2	1,067.5	-15.8	41.9									
Business services	172.6	173.3	155.1	-0.7	17.5									
Health services	377.8	377.7	372.2	0.1	5.6									
Hospitals	217.2	217.2	219.9	0.0	-2.7									
Educational service	129.0	137.1	127.9	-8.1	1.1									
Government	667.6	680.5	662.6	-12.9	5.0									
Federal	133.8	134.2	131.6	-0.4	2.2									
State	143.2	151.4	143.6	-8.2	-0.4									
Persons in labor-management disputes	390.6	394.9	387.4	-4.3	3.2									
	9.6	9.6	1.8	0.0	7.8									

FOOTNOTES

*Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor management disputes.

*Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included.

1/ The most recent month's data are preliminary and subject to revision.

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